



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 579

February Session, 2008

* SB00579PH 031708 *

**AN ACT CONCERNING METHICILLIN-RESISTANT
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) On or before January 1, 2009,
2 each hospital shall develop a plan to reduce the incidence of persons
3 contracting the methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus infection at
4 such hospital. Such plan shall minimally include the strategies the
5 hospital will implement to reduce the incidence of such infections.
6 Such plan shall be submitted to the Department of Public Health and
7 shall be a public record. As used in this section, "hospital" means a
8 hospital licensed under chapter 368v of the general statutes;
9 "methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus" means the strain of
10 staphylococcus aureus bacteria, also known as MRSA, that is resistant
11 to oxacillin or methicillin and detected and defined according to the
12 Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute's Performance Standards
13 for Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2008	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the last sentence the word "and" was inserted after "Clinical" to accurately reflect the name of the organization.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*